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1. TEHRAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILIES REPORTED JUNE 23 THAT TAGHI MOSSADEGHI, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL IRANIAN GAS COMPANY, HAS DEPARTED FOR MOSCOW TO NEGOTIATE REVISION OF PRICE OF IRANIAN NATURAL GAS EXPORTED TO USSR. TALKS REPORTEDLY WILL BEGIN JUNE 24. ARTICLE IN TEHRAN JOURNAL QUOTES INFORMED SOURCES HERE AS SAYING PRICE SHOULD BE RAISED FROM PRESENT 30.7 CENTS PER THOUSAND CUBIC FEET TO \$1.20 PER THOUSAND CUBIC FEET.

2. ARTICLES EMPHASIZED THAT OFFICIAL GOI VIEWS ON WHAT PRICE SHOULD BE HAVE NOT BEEN REVEALED. THEY FURTHER INDICATE THAT AGREEMENT ON NEW GAS PRICE WILL "PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE NEXT WEEK'S TRIPARTITE TALKS" ON THE IRAN-USSR-FRG "SWITCH DEAL."
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